

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A method of switching channels in a receiver, especially in a digital television receiver ~~in which~~ comprising
creating groups are assigned to each of channels characterized in that a
channel is manually chosen as a selected channel, a, each group of channels having a
group type assigned;
assigning a plurality of the groups of channels to each channel;
choosing, by a manual input, a selected channel;
switching takes place to receive a receiver to the selected channel, a-
previously;
deactivating a currently active group of channels is deactivated by means of a
deactivating control signal; and
activating a group of channels assigned to the selected channel is activated,
next, with the use of a switching function, a next or previous channel is selected,
wherein the next or the previous channel is searched and the receiver is set to receive
the next or previous channel by means of the control signal wherein by selecting a
new channel belonging to the activated group of channels a switching function is used
and switching the receiver to the new channel is realized by a switching control
signal.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~channel is manually selected~~
~~and wherein the activated~~ group of channels assigned to the selected channel is
selected from a list of groups of channels.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein channels not assigned to any
group are added to ~~the~~ a group of channels belonging to ~~active groups~~ the group of
channels assigned to the selected channel.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the switching control signal simultaneously switches to receive the ~~specific~~ new channel and ~~the~~ a name of ~~the~~ a group to which the new channel belongs is displayed on a screen of the receiver.
6. (Currently amended) A method of switching channels in a receiver in which groups are assigned to channels, characterized in that a list of active groups ~~are~~ is defined, and by means of a switching function, a next or a previous channel belonging to the currently active ~~group~~ groups is selected, and by means of control signal, the decoder is switched to the next or previous channel.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein channels assigned to any group are added to groups of channels belonging to active groups.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein control signal simultaneously switch to receive a specific channel and the name of the group of the specific channel is displayed on the screen of the receiver.
9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the receiver is a digital television receiver.
10. (New) A method for switching channels in a digital television receiver, the receiver configured to receive a plurality of channels where each channel has assigned a plurality of groups, each group having specified a group type, the method comprising the steps of:
 - determining a preferred group type to be activated,
 - receiving a request to switch the receiver to a specific channel,
 - setting the receiver to receive the specific channel,
 - reading a group of the preferred group type assigned to the specific channel,
 - activating the group,

receiving a request to switch the receiver to a next or previous channel,
determining the next or previous channel having assigned the active group,
and
setting the receiver to receive the next or previous channel.

11. (New) A method for switching channels in a digital television receiver, the receiver configured to receive a plurality of channels having assigned groups thereto, comprising the steps of:
determining a list of active groups,
receiving a request to switch the receiver to a next or previous channel,
determining the next or previous channel having assigned a group belonging to the list of active groups, and
setting the receiver to receive the next or previous channel.